

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice or disclaimer. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for integrating runtime metrics into an integrated development environment (IDE), the IDE including a runtime environment and a user interface environment, the method comprising:

defining a policy specifying an operational concern to be monitored in the IDE runtime environment through a policy manager of the IDE user interface;

determining an application component of an application to be monitored in the IDE based on the policy, the application comprising operational logic and business logic, the application component being selected from the operational logic of the application and having associated information in a component repository of the IDE runtime environment, wherein the component repository is configured to provide a list of components that are available to be invoked by the IDE runtime environment;

monitoring the application component with a policy agent executing in the IDE runtime environment and enforcing the policy specifying the operational concern to determine a plurality of metrics associated with the application component;

transmitting the plurality of metrics to a data collector of the IDE user interface environment; and

displaying the metrics to a user of the IDE through the IDE user interface environment.

2. (Previously Presented) A method as recited by claim 1, the method further comprising:

providing, to the user of the IDE, an alert notifying the user of an error condition generated by the application component in production.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as recited by claim 2, wherein providing an alert comprises displaying, for the user, a list of alerts generated since a last login by the user.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as recited by claim 2, wherein providing an alert comprises sending an alphanumeric page to the user.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as recited by claim 1, the method further comprising:

providing a policy manager in the IDE to allow the user to select the application component and specify an operational concern for the application component the operational concern related to the business logic of the application;

communicating the specified operational concern policy specifying the operational concern from the policy manager of the IDE user interface environment to [[a]] the policy agent in the IDE runtime environment; and

enforcing the operational concern with the policy agent during operation of the application component.

6. (Previously Presented) A method as recited by claim 5, wherein the operational concern is selected from the group consisting of a logging policy, an authentication policy, an encryption policy, and a caching policy.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as recited by claim 1, further comprising:

allowing the user to create the application component in the IDE; and automatically registering the application component, when it has been created, with the component repository.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as recited by claim 7, wherein determining an application component to be monitored comprises:

providing, from the component repository, a list of application components that can be invoked; and

allowing the user of the IDE to specify an application component to be opened in the IDE runtime environment.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium, the computer program comprising a set of instructions which when executed by a computer, cause the computer to:

define a policy specifying an operational concern to be monitored in an integrated development environment (IDE) runtime environment through a policy manager of an IDE user interface environment;

determine an application component of an application to be monitored in the IDE runtime environment based on the policy, the application comprising operational logic and business logic, the application component being selected from the operational logic of the application and having associated information in a component repository of the IDE runtime environment, wherein the component repository is configured to provide a list of components that are available to be invoked by the IDE runtime environment;

monitor the application component with a policy agent executing in the IDE runtime environment and enforcing the policy specifying the operational concern to determine a plurality of metrics associated with the application component;

transmit the plurality of metrics to a data collector of the IDE user interface environment; and

display the metrics to a user of the IDE through the IDE user interface environment.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising a processor and a computer readable medium, the computer readable medium having stored thereon a computer program executable by the processor, the computer program comprising:

a component repository configured to maintain a list of available application components that can be invoked by an integrated development environment ("IDE") runtime environment to monitor an application, the application comprising operational logic and business logic;

an IDE runtime environment configured to open an application component and, the IDE runtime environment comprising:

a policy agent configured to monitor operation of the application component to determine a plurality of metrics associated with the application component by enforcing a policy specifying an operational concern to be monitored in the IDE, wherein the application component is selected from the operational logic of the application; and

an IDE user interface environment configured to allow a user to perform software development tasks, the IDE user interface comprising:

a policy manager configured to define the policy specifying the operational concern to be monitored in the IDE;

an instrumentor in communication with the IDE runtime environment, the instrumentor being configured to allow a user to control operation of the IDE runtime environment; and

a data collector in configuration with the IDE runtime environment, the data collector being configured to display at least some of the plurality of metrics associated with the application component.

11. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 10, wherein the IDE runtime environment comprises the component repository.

12. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 10, wherein the IDE user interface comprises a monitor, and wherein the monitor comprises the instrumentor and the data collector.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 10, wherein the IDE runtime environment comprises:

a listener in communication with the instrumentor, the listener being configured to receive instructions from the instrumentor for controlling operation of the IDE runtime environment; and

a sender in communication with the data collector, the sender being configured to translate events generated by the operation of the application component into messages, and to send the messages to the data collector.

15. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 10, wherein the computer program comprises further instructions executable by the processor to:

allow the user to create an application component in the IDE user interface; and automatically register the application component, when it has been created, with the component repository.

16. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 10, wherein the instrumentor is configured to allow a user to control operation of the IDE runtime environment by specifying a particular application component that should be monitored.

17. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 10, wherein the instrumentor is configured to allow a user to control operation of the IDE runtime environment by setting a context for the application component to be monitored.

18. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 17, wherein the metrics displayed by the data collector are related to the context specified by the instrumentor.

19. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 10, wherein the IDE runtime environment is configured to monitor application components in a production environment.

20. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 19, wherein the component repository is configured to maintain a list of available application components that can be invoked either in the production environment or in a development environment.

21. (Previously Presented) A computer system as recited in claim 10, wherein the IDE user interface communicates with the IDE runtime environment using one or more protocols selected from the group consisting of the simple object access protocol ("SOAP"), the java message service, and remote method invocation.